

**MINUTES OF THE  
HIGHER EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Thursday , February 1, 2018 • 8:00 a.m. • 210 Senate Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. Evan J. Vickers, Senate Chair  
Rep. Keith Grover, House Chair  
Rep. Derrin R. Owens, House Vice Chair  
Sen. Jim Dabakis  
Sen. Don L. Ipson  
Sen. Ann Millner  
Sen. Howard A. Stephenson  
Rep. Kim F. Coleman  
Rep. Brad M. Daw  
Rep. Karen Kwan  
Rep. Kelly B. Miles

Rep. Val K. Potter  
Rep. Jon E. Stanard  
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley  
Rep. Mike Winder

**Members Absent:**

Sen. Deidre M. Henderson  
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Spencer C. Pratt, Fiscal Manager  
Mr. Sean C. Faherty, Fiscal Analyst  
Ms. Lorna Wells, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

**1 . Call to Order**

Senate Chair Vickers called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

**2 . Commmittee honoring outgoing USHE presidents.**

Chair Vickers reported that three of the USHE university presidents are leaving.

Chair Vickers recognized some of the accomplishments of Dr. David Pershing, President of the University of Utah (U of U).

Chair Vickers recognized some of the accomplishments of Dr. Charles Wight, President of Weber State University (WSU).

Chair Vickers recognized some of the accomplishments of Dr. Matthew Holland, President of Utah Valley University (UVU).

**3 . USHE Presentations**

Weber State University

Pres. Wight gave a presentation about WSU including their FY 2019 budget requests.

Mr. Junior Perez, WSU senior discussed his experience at Weber State University.

Pres. Wight recognized alumni from WSU who were in attendance at the meeting.

Pres. Wight gave some concluding remarks.

Sen. Stephenson asked for more information about Starfish. Pres. Wight discussed this software program.

Rep. Miles thanked Mr. Perez for his presentation and Pres. Wight for his service to WSU and to the community. He asked about the Wildcat Scholars program and the Davis Campus.

Pres. Wight discussed the scholars program and the expansion plans at the Davis county.

Sen. Dabakis asked Mr. Perez some questions. Mr. Perez responded.

Sen. Dabakis discussed the importance of educating young people of Utah about the value of higher education. and thanked Pres. Wight for his service.

Pres. Wight responded and concluded his remarks.

Utah Valley University

Pres. Holland gave a presentation about UVU as well as the FY 2019 budget request.

Rep. Daw thanked Pres. Holland for his great service to UVU and the community.

Rep. Coleman asked about progress on the workforce alignment data and student debt. Pres. Holland will get that information to Rep. Coleman.

Rep. Kwan asked about the IPEDS measurements. Pres. Holland responded.

Sen. Stephenson congratulated UVU on their wrestling program. He discussed the success of the ALEKS program.

Sen. Stephenson asked about the Quill Project. Pres. Holland discussed this project.

University of Utah

Pres. Pershing introduced Dr. Ruth Watkins, who will be the new president on April 1, 2018.

Pres. Pershing gave an overview of the U of U. He also discussed the FY 2019 budget request.

Dr. Watkins discussed programs to increase completion rates and other recent improvements.

Pres. Pershing discussed workforce preparation including Lassonde Studios.

Dr. Watkins discussed some of the U of U priorities.

Rep. Wheatley asked about some of the notable research at the U of U. Pres. Pershing and Dr. Watkins responded.

#### **4 . USHE & USTC Performance Measures for Base Budget Bill**

Chair Vickers discussed some possible committee actions regarding the base budget bill.

#### [5-Higher Ed Performance Measures for SB 1 - FY 2019 - Updated](#)

Sen. Millner discussed statewide performance metrics that were discussed during the summer. Chair Vickers responded.

Rep. Coleman asked for some more time to discuss this in more depth. Chair Vickers mentioned that the measures might be approved for the base budget and then more discussion before the final budget.

**MOTION:** Sen. Millner moved to approve the higher education performance measures as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 3 .

#### Yeas-14

Rep. K. Coleman  
Sen. J. Dabakis  
Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. K. Grover  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Rep. K. Miles  
Sen. A. Millner  
Rep. D. Owens  
Rep. V. Potter  
Rep. J. Stanard  
Sen. H. Stephenson  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Rep. M. Wheatley  
Rep. M. Winder

#### Nays-0

#### Absent-3

Sen. D. Henderson  
Rep. K. Kwan  
Sen. J. Stevenson

Sen. Vickers discussed the FY 2019 alternatives for possible reductions.

#### [2% Alternatives - HED - 2-1-2018](#)

Several committee members discussed possible tuition waiver cuts.

Sen. Dabakis expressed frustration about a two percent budget cut when it seems unnecessary. Chair Vickers discussed the budget reallocation request from the Executive Appropriations Committee.

**MOTION:** Rep. Stanard moved to recommend reducing the printed USHE tuition waivers amount by half, which equals approximately 1 percent of the General/Education Fund base and reduce the across the board cuts by one-fourth, which equals approximately ½ percent of the General/Education Fund base.

Rep. Winder, Rep. Owens, Rep. Wheatley, Sen. Dabakis and Sen. Millner spoke in favor of the motion.

Rep. Daw asked for clarification on the motion.

Rep. Potter spoke against the motion.

Rep. Coleman asked if some tuition waivers more valuable than others.

Rep. Stanard's motion passed with a vote of 14 - 1 - 2 .

Yeas-14

Rep. K. Coleman  
Sen. J. Dabakis  
Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. K. Grover  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Rep. K. Kwan  
Rep. K. Miles  
Sen. A. Millner  
Rep. D. Owens  
Rep. J. Stanard  
Sen. H. Stephenson  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Rep. M. Wheatley  
Rep. M. Winder

Nays-1

Rep. V. Potter

Absent-2

Sen. D. Henderson  
Sen. J. Stevenson

**MOTION:** Rep. Daw moved to recommend a two percent budget cut for the Utah System of Technical Colleges and reallocate this amount to the Board of Trustees for critical needs.

**MOTION:** Rep. Owens moved to recommend a cut of 1.5 percent from the USTC budget and reallocate this amount to the Board of Trustees.

Rep. Stanard spoke in favor of the motion.

Rep. Owens' motion about USHE passed with a vote of 15 - 0 - 2 .

Yeas-15

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. K. Coleman

Sen. D. Henderson

Sen. J. Dabakis

Sen. J. Stevenson

Rep. B. Daw

Rep. K. Grover

Sen. D. Ipson

Rep. K. Kwan

Rep. K. Miles

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Rep. J. Stanard

Sen. H. Stephenson

Sen. E. Vickers

Rep. M. Wheatley

Rep. M. Winder

**5 . USHE Presentations**

Dixie State University

Dr. Richard Williams, President Dixie State University (DSU) gave a presentation about DSU.

Sen. Dabakis commented on the goals and encouraged more diversity in the faculty/staff at DSU.

Sen. Stephenson asked how housing dollars are allocated. Pres. Williams responded.

Sen. Ipson thanked Pres. Williams for his leadership.

Snow College

Dr. Gary Carlston, President, Snow College gave a presentation with the assistance of Dr. Steven Hood, Vice President of Student Affairs.

Sen. Ipson asked about the 12 students enrolled in the CDL program. Dr. Hood explained that the program starts on February 5, 2018 and discussed some demographics of these students.

Rep. Owens stated that Snow College is the life blood to its community. He also discussed concurrent enrollment.

**MOTION:** House Vice Chair Owens moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 9 .

Yeas-8

Sen. J. Dabakis  
Rep. B. Daw  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Rep. K. Kwan  
Rep. D. Owens  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Rep. M. Wheatley  
Rep. M. Winder

Nays-0

Absent-9

Rep. K. Coleman  
Rep. K. Grover  
Sen. D. Henderson  
Rep. K. Miles  
Sen. A. Millner  
Rep. V. Potter  
Rep. J. Stanard  
Sen. H. Stephenson  
Sen. J. Stevenson

Chair Vickers adjourned the meeting at 10:52 a.m.